**Report of Accomplishments** 

Fiscal Year 2005

**Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District** 

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#### **Function or Conservation District Mission**

The Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District is dedicated to working together to conserver our natural resources.

### **Natural Resource Improvements Summary**

- Conservation plans were developed on 7,206 acres
- 538 acres were converted from surface to sprinkler irrigation
- One wind break installed to benefit wildlife and erosion control
- Assisted eighteen cooperators install seventeen different Best Management Practices.



# **Conservation District Priority #1 - Water Quantity**

- 21,438 feed of buried pipelines installed to improve irrigation water management
- 6 structures installed
- 1 gated pipe system installed for water savings and irrigation efficiency
- 538 acres converted from surface irrigation to sprinkler irrigation to reduce erosion

# **Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Quality**

- 2 Animal Feeding Operations waste facilities were installed
- Planted willows on 4,425 feet on stream bank for shading and bank restoration
- Installed 60 feet of riprap to control stream bank erosion
- Sponsor for Canyon Creek Erosion Control Project to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality

# Conservation District Priority # 3 – District Operations/Information & Education/Public Outreach

- Published 4 quarterly newsletters on conservation programs for approximately 450 subscribers
- Sponsored the annual ninth grade field day for 300 junior high school students
- Conducted the annual IASCD Poster Contest for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Sponsored a fair book at the Elmore County Fair
- Sponsor scholarships for students to attend the Natural Resource Workshop

# Conservation District Priority #4 - Rangeland

- 10,210 feet of fence installed to facilitate a prescribed grazing system
- 20,524 feet of fence installed for improve grazing management and livestock exclusion from a riparian area
- Installed a spring development to keep livestock out a riparian area and benefit to wildlife
- 1,150 acres of brush chemically treated to reduce competition for desirable grasses

#### Conservation District Priority #5 - Woodland

• Developed two conservation plans for future implementation

### Conservation District Priority # 6 – Fish & Wildlife

- 680 feet of windbreak planted with wildlife friendly woody species
- 120 acres of riparian and other critical wildlife areas fenced to exclude livestock grazing

#### **Conservation District Priority #7 – Soil Erosion**

- 538 acres were converted from surface irrigation to sprinkler irrigation
- 680 feet of windbreak installed to reduce wind erosion to cropland
- One of the main purposes of the Canyon Creek Erosion Control Project

#### **Community Collaboration & Coordination**

• Co-sponsor of IASCD Division III Legislative Outreach Luncheon for elected officials

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	<b>Funded Amount</b>
<b>Elmore County</b>	<b>District Operations</b>	\$ 5,000.00
State of Idaho	<b>District Operations</b>	<b>\$</b> 11,447.55
<b>USDA Farm Programs</b>	Conservation	\$ 349,451.00
<b>USDA Administration</b>	Farm Bill Assistance CSP	\$ 9,757.04
WQPA	<b>Erosion Control/Water Quality</b>	\$ 30,000.00

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